

CHAPTER 101.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF WINONA TO ISSUE BONDS FOR FERRY, ROAD OR BRIDGE PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. The city council of the city of Winona are hereby authorized and empowered to issue the bonds of said city, with semi-annual coupons attached, to the amount of thirty thousand (\$30,000) dollars, for the construction or to aid in the construction of a ferry or ferries, or a pontoon bridge, or a plank road over the present railroad bridge and trestle work across the Mississippi river at Winona, and for the construction or to aid in the construction of a wagon road or roads in the State of Wisconsin leading to said bridge or bridges, ferry or ferries, or to said river opposite to said city and its necessary and convenient bridges; filling, piling, planking culverts, etc., in connection with said road or roads.

SEC. 2. The said bonds shall be of the denomination of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars each, and shall bear interest at the rate not greater than seven (7) per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually; and said bonds shall not mature earlier than ten (10) years nor later than twenty (20) years from their date.

SEC. 3. That the said bonds or their proceeds or any portion thereof, shall not be used in the construction of any pontoon bridge or any ferry unless the authority to construct the same shall first have been obtained from the State of Minnesota, or the State of Wisconsin, or both.

SEC. 4. The city council of said city is hereby authorized and empowered to, and shall make provisions by the levying of taxes, for the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds issued under and by virtue of the authority and power granted by this act as the same may become due.

SEC. 5. Before it shall be lawful for the said city council to issue any of said bonds as aforesaid, the proposition to issue the same shall be submitted to the legal voters of said city of Winona, for their approval or rejection, at the next annual city election. The ballots used at such election shall have written or printed or partly written and partly printed thereon the words "For the issue of bonds for ferry, bridge and road purposes, etc., —Yes," or "For the bonds for ferry, bridge and road purposes, etc.,—No;" and said ballots shall be cast at said city election and in the usual manner, and canvassed by the same officers as votes cast at said annual city election are canvassed; and if it shall be found upon such canvass that a majority of the voters, present and voting on this proposition at such election, have voted in favor of such proposition, then the issue of such bonds so issued shall be lawful; and said bonds so issued shall be lawful to all intents and purposes.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, March 8, 1878.

CHAPTER 102.

TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LAC QUI PARLE TO ISSUE BONDS.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota

SECTION 1. That the board of county commissioners of the county of Lac qui parle, are hereby authorized to issue bonds of the county of Lac qui parle, in a sum not exceeding two thousand five hundred (\$2,500.00) dollars, for the purpose of purchasing seed grain and loaning the same to parties whose crops have been destroyed by grasshoppers and who are unable to procure seed grain; said bonds to be issued in such denominations as said board of county commissioners shall determine.

SEC. 2. Such bonds shall bear interest at the rate not exceeding twelve (12) per cent. per annum; and the principal of said bonds shall be payable in one (1) year from the date of issuing the same.

SEC. 3. Said bonds shall be signed by the chairman of said board of county commissioners, and countersigned and sealed by the auditor of said county; and the said auditor shall keep a record of all bonds issued under the provisions of this act, giving numbers, dates and amounts, to whom issued and when payable.

SEC. 4. The said board of commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have authority to negotiate said bonds, as in their judgment, shall be the best for the interest of said county; and it shall be the duty of said board to see that said bonds are appropriated and issued for the purposes herein specified; *Provided*, That none of said bonds shall be negotiated for less than their par value.

SEC. 5. The board of county commissioners are hereby authorized to purchase, whenever they deem it desirable and necessary, from the proceeds of the negotiations of said bonds, the seed grain requisite to provide for the wants of said county, and to distribute and loan the same to actual settlers of said county in such quantities, on such terms, and in such manner as they shall determine, and also to provide for the collection of the same in such manner as shall seem to them to give to the county the greatest amount of security for the repayment of the cost of the grain furnished, with interest.

SEC. 6. In case of failure of the crops said board, and the proper authorities of said county, shall be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to levy an annual tax on the taxable property of said county, over and above and in addition to all